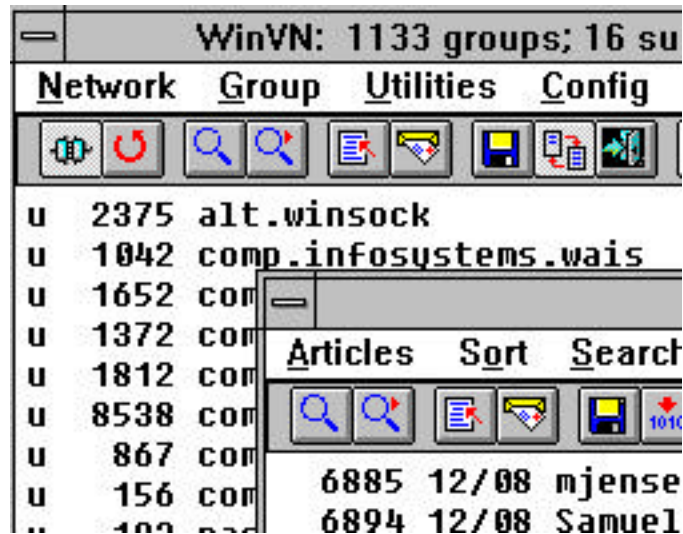


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Windows Visual News Reader (WinVn)



WinVN was optimized for organizations that have direct Internet access (such as branches of the government, various universities and large corporations). Within this user community, it is currently the fastest Windows based news reader software available on the market (commercial or otherwise). For organizations that are beginning to investigate the usefulness of the Internet, WinVN can get these organizations started with little or no capital investment and they can continue using WinVN without needing to retrain their user community.

NASA Involvement WinVN was developed to support the Technical Documentation subsystem of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Payload Operations Data Management System (PDMS). The PDMS provides support for space shuttle payload processing. WinVN is used to facilitate discussions about work authorization documents and procedures between NASA centers and international partners. An electronic discussion method was developed because people working on these documents often work different shifts or in different time zones. It is used by approximately 1500 NASA and contractor personnel at the Kennedy Space Center in support of PDMS and by countless others for other NASA projects.

Social/Economic Benefit There are currently over 1,000,000 copies of the WinVN program in circulation. It is in use in hundreds of universities worldwide, the White House, the Pentagon and many other institutions. The program is available on a number of Internet FTP sites and is included with CD-ROMS and extensively distributed publications that promote Internet software. However, the main value of WinVN is not its extensive distribution. WinVN is an enabling technology product that provides countless people Internet access otherwise beyond their grasp. By placing WinVN in

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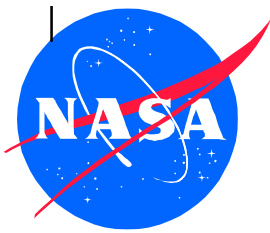
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the Public Domain, NASA has set a minimum standard of functionality for Internet Network News users.

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